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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/11 of 27 October 1986, in which the Atlantic Ocean, in the region situated between Africa and South America, was solemnly declared a zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Recalling also its subsequent resolutions on the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Reaffirming that the questions of peace and security and those of development are interrelated and inseparable, and considering that cooperation among States, in particular those of the region, for peace and development is essential for the promotion of the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Reaffirming also the importance of the purposes and objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic as a basis for the promotion of cooperation among the States of the region,

Noting with appreciation the commitment of Member States towards fulfilling the goals of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic and their engagement in its revitalization through a number of initiatives, as reaffirmed during the seventh ministerial meeting of the zone, held in Montevideo on 15 and 16 January 2013, and building on the Luanda Initiative,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, in which it urged States of the region to continue their actions aimed at fulfilling the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic, especially through the implementation of specific programmes,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

[1] A/69/973 and Add.1.

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1. *Stresses* the role of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic as a forum for increased interaction and support among its member States;

2. *Recalls with appreciation* the holding of the seventh ministerial meeting of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic, and the adoption of the final Montevideo Declaration[2] and the Montevideo Plan of Action;[3]

3. *Calls upon* States to cooperate in the promotion of the objectives of peace and cooperation established in resolution 41/11 and reiterated in the Montevideo Declaration and the Montevideo Plan of Action;

4. *Requests* the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system, and invites relevant partners, including international financial institutions, to render all appropriate assistance that States members of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic may seek in their joint efforts to continue to implement the Montevideo Plan of Action;

5. *Encourages* the convening of ministerial meetings on a biennial basis, as well as annual meetings on the sidelines of the General Assembly, and the establishment of a follow-up mechanism, as decided in the Montevideo Declaration;

6. *Acknowledges* the presentation during the seventh ministerial meeting of a number of bilateral cooperation programmes which complement the efforts aimed at enhancing cooperation within the zone;

7. *Recalls* the offer by the Government of Cabo Verde to host the eighth ministerial meeting of the States members of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic in 2015;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the implementation of resolution 41/11 and subsequent resolutions on the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic under review and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session, taking into account, inter alia, the views expressed by Member States;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic".

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[2] A/67/746, annex I.

[3] Ibid., annex II.